

**ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES
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A RESOLUTION FOCUSING ON PASSENGER FACILITATION

The AAPA ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS, in its 51st meeting duly assembled,

RECOGNISING THAT:

- I. Air travel is an essential means of transport for many, with more than six million passengers flying around the world every day;
- II. Travel supports both trade and tourism, stimulating economic growth and development worldwide;
- III. Governments have the sovereign right to determine their border control policies to address social, economic and security concerns;
- IV. Government agencies play a key role in all countries in facilitating the smooth flow of passengers;

NOTING THAT:

- V. Airports and airlines constantly strive to improve the levels of service provided to passengers;
- VI. Enhanced border control measures have been adopted by many governments in response to perceived threats to national security;
- VII. Governments have introduced increasingly onerous aviation security requirements, including new passenger and baggage screening requirements and restrictions on hand-carried items;
- VIII. Some governments have also introduced more onerous visa requirements for transiting as well as inbound passengers;

- IX. An increasing number of governments are mandating the provision of detailed information about passengers in the form of Advance Passenger Information (API) requirements and, in some cases, additional information drawn from the Passenger Name Records (PNR);
- X. The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), World Customs Organisation (WCO), and International Air Transport Association (IATA) have jointly issued Guidelines on API;
- XI. Requirements to share various types of passenger data may violate applicable data privacy laws in various jurisdictions;
- XII. New automation and biometric identification technologies offer opportunities to streamline various administrative processes involved in air travel;

BELIEVING THAT:

- XIII. The proliferation of regulations and mandatory procedures related to passenger processing have led to a general deterioration in service levels experienced by air passengers;
- XIV. Inconsistencies in implementation, and inadequate consideration of the benefits of international harmonisation, have led to unnecessary duplication of effort within the air transport industry and confusion for passengers;
- XV. The increased complexity, and additional time and inconvenience endured by the traveling public, have added significantly to the overall cost of service, without any commensurate gain in terms of improved security;
- XVI. Any government mandated regulations or measures related to passenger processing must be designed from the outset to be practical, cost effective, efficient and sustainable;

RESOLVES:

- XVII. TO CALL on relevant government agencies to consult widely with the aviation industry in order to strike a better balance between national security objectives and the need for efficient passenger facilitation;
- XVIII. TO CALL on governments to recognise the true costs, both direct and indirect, of implementing various rulemakings, and the corresponding impact on the travel and tourism industry and wider economy; and
- XIX. TO CALL on governments to recognise the benefits of following internationally recognised standards for collection and sharing of passenger information.

APPROVED this 16th day of November 2007.

Certified correct:



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